

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) CASE NO. 07-004M
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
) DETENTION ORDER
LUIS MANUEL ESPINOZA-ALANIS)
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Defendant.)
_____)

Offense charged: Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine

Date of Detention Hearing: January 9, 2007

The Court, having conducted a detention hearing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), and based upon the factual findings and statement of reasons for detention hereafter set forth, finds that no condition or combination of conditions which defendant can meet will reasonably assure the appearance of defendant as required and the safety of other persons and the community.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION

1. Defendant has been charged, together with two co-conspirators, for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. The AUSA advises that approximately three pounds of high quality

meth was seized at the time of the arrest, in addition to a firearm found in the vehicle. The maximum penalty of this offense is in excess of ten years. There is therefore a rebuttable presumption against defendant as to both dangerousness and flight risk, under 18 U.S.C. §3142(e).

2. Defendant is a native and citizen of Mexico. He alleges that he is in the country legally, and for purposes of the consideration of his release, this is assumed.

3 Defendant has an aunt and cousin who reside in the area, but his family primarily resides in Mexico. He was unable to provide an exact address or phone number for his current residence, but did identify the friend with whom he has resided at that location for the last two months. He has resided in this District for approximately one year and two months, and before that in Los Angeles for three years. Prior to that he resided in Tijuana, Mexico for ten years. He has not been employed since October 2006. A firearm was found in his closet in a search following his arrest, and the vehicle was being driven by him at the time of arrest.

4. Taken as a whole, the record does not effectively rebut the presumption that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required and the safety of the community.

It is therefore ORDERED:

(1) Defendant shall be detained pending trial and committed to the custody of the Attorney General for confinement in a correction facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal;

(2) Defendant shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with counsel;

01 (3) On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the
02 Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility in which defendant is
03 confined shall deliver the defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose of
04 an appearance in connection with a court proceeding; and

05 (4) The clerk shall direct copies of this Order to counsel for the United States, to
06 counsel for the defendant, to the United States Marshal, and to the United States
07 Pretrial Services Officer.

08 DATED this 9th day of January, 2007.

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11 United States Magistrate Judge
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